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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION
FIRST DISTRICT.At a meeting of the Republican Executive Com-
mittee for the First Congressional District of West
Virginia, held at Wheeling, August 11, 1886, it was
resolved:That a Convention of the Republicans of the
First Congressional District of West Virginia be
called to meet at Wheeling, W. Va., on TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 1886, for the purpose of electing a
delegate to the National Convention to be held at
St. Louis, Mo., and for the transaction of any
other business that may properly come before the
Convention.The following persons of the First District are
respectfully requested to publish in their papers
a notice of the above Convention, and to call on
the undersigned at their respective places.G. H. CALDWELL, Chairman.
G. O. FORTNEY, Secretary.

The Origin of Diseases.

If it be true that nature would have us
live through a set cycle and come at last
to a painless death, our life "rounded
with a sleep," then we are forced to look
at external causes for all the diseases to
which we are liable.We can certainly find the origin of dis-
eases in causes outside of the vital organ-
ism. The cause of a broken limb is plain-
ly an external one. The cause of typhoid
fever is just as evidently from an outside
source, our drinking water; and of pneu-
monia from an exposure to cold, or a sud-
den change of temperature. The only ob-
jection to this theory that might be urged
is the fact of heredity in disease, and yet
this objection is not a valid one, for the
first cause was external, and the change
wrought by it has been transmitted.In succeeding articles the attempt will
be made to throw further light on this
subject, by considering the cause of dis-
ease in four groups. In the first one are
placed the causes which are always present
and which are beyond human control.
These are meteorological; storms, elec-
tricity, atmospheric changes, and so forth.
They are all severe and form a large part
of the table of mortality.The second group is made up of those
causes that are communicable, and, in
some measure, controllable. The organic
poisons, and hereditary diseases, as con-
sumption, can be placed in this group; as
well as the diseases that are caused by
contaminated food and water.The third class comprises natural causes
that come with old age. The attraction of
gravity, acting more and more strongly in
the less and less resisting body, brings at
last an arrest of nutrition, and a gradual
decay. These causes will continue until
the famous spring is found, from whose
limpid depths flows a glad stream of the
elixir of eternal youth.The fourth, last, and most important
group is formed of those causes that de-
pend on the modes of life, and on the
acts of the person or community. Under
this heading come overwork, over-indul-
gence in food and drink, habits, studies,
occupations, passions, privations, moral
contagion, and, in short, all the controlla-
ble errors of our social life and our ad-
vanced civilization.The duty of Science is to point out to
us how we may best live to escape these
evils. This being done by appeals to our
intellect, our moral sentiments, and our
own self-interest, we may learn to obvi-
ate many of them. Self-preservation is
the first law of nature; it is as true now as
when it was first said. This truth alone
is sufficient reason for our earnestly try-
ing to avoid those things that work us
harm, destroy our ease, and shorten our
lives. To this might be added the pride
every man feels in improving the condi-
tion of humanity, and in leaving the world
better for his having lived. We cer-
tainly should aim to leave behind us a
manly walk through a noble life, rather than
the ugly marks of sordid life.

Dark Days for Ireland.

Premier Salisbury's speech at the Lord
Mayor's dinner the other day does not en-
courage those who have hoped that the
Tories would embrace an early opportu-
nity to deal Mr. Gladstone's thunder and
present a Home Rule measure of their own.At the dinner Lord Salisbury said: "As
to what is to be done, it is impossible to
say now, more than that the first duty of
the Government will be to devote its
whole energy to free the loyal people of
Ireland from illegal constraints and re-
straints. Every remedy must be ex-
hausted to allow the Irish people to earn
their own bread unobscured." When
Englishmen of Lord Salisbury's kind
speak of "the loyal people of Ireland" they
mean the Unionists so-called, the
Orangemen whom Churchill and Cham-
berlain advise to resort to arms rather
than submit to Home Rule, and who re-
sponded promptly with the Belfast riots.The prospect for Ireland is not good. If,
as the Daily News thinks, Lord Salisbury's
speech means "a good dose of drastic
coercion," darker days are in store for
Ireland, perhaps to be lit up with the red
flame of revolution. God save Ireland!

An Iowa Thought.

When an Iowa man thinks for the for-
bidden field, he seeks ways to get it and
finds somebody on the same road ready
to meet him half way. A real and inex-
pensive device has been hit upon by the
ingenious milkman in Des Moines. In one
or more cans, according to the extent of
this branch of his trade, he puts the plain
every-day whisky of commerce. He makes
his rounds and has his regular customers,
and besides, whoever will may buy.
Sometimes the enterprising purveyor is
caught, and then his cans and their con-
tent "are consigned into the State."We are not to jump hastily to the con-
clusion that the Iowa milkman is a sin-
ner above all others in the United Statesof America, or that he takes special de-
light in breaking the law of the great
commonwealth in which he lives. The
milkman everywhere has long been the
subject of heartless accusation and mer-
ciless reproach. He has been charged
with feeding his cows on a diet composed
exclusively of water, and in the
cleaning of his cans he uses more water
than is absolutely necessary, all to the
great disappointment of those who have
placed in him a child-like confidence.Perhaps the Iowa milkman has put
whisky in some of his cans to make
amends in some degree for the water in
the other cans, his sacred conscience con-
soling him with the thought that thus he
holds even the scales of justice.

UP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Some of the Peculiarities—Mountain Lake
Park—Some Suggestions.Six:—Every time we pass over the
Baltimore & Ohio railroad we are im-
pressed with the immensity of the under-
taking to construct a railroad through the
mountains of West Virginia. Here plung-
ing through dark tunnels, there sweeping
over sharp curves, now dashing over
trestled chasms, now gliding down moun-
tain sides. Now we glide down "Back
Horn" grade. On the left looms the waters
of the Cheat, deep, dark and swift.From Rowlesburg we begin to ascend
the mountain. Our iron horse, with its
muscles of steel, pants and fire and pon-
derous proportions, pants and struggles like
a thing of life. As we near Terra Alta,
looking off toward the southwest, a scene
more sublime than poet ever portrayed
or artist ever sketched unfolds.What mighty mountains! rising tier
upon tier, receding far away, acting in
shadowy outlines. There they stand
with rugged cliffs and dark caverns and
lofty peaks around which have swept the
storms of centuries. I noticed one that
stood alone and towered far above its fel-
lows, standing out like a silent sentinel,
catching the first beams of morning and
the last rays of evening, reminding one of
the heroic souls who, looking out from
their serene heights, know that beyond
the mists and shadows of the present
comes the dawn of a better day.To one, not familiar with this interior
region it is a peculiar country indeed. The
season there is much later than in the
Ohio Valley. The principal products are,
potatoes, oats and buckwheat. But little
corn, and no wheat is raised on the moun-
tains.Have been in pine forests there so
dense and dark at noon day that it seemed
like evening twilight. In some places
huge boulders are scattered in reckless
order. Ferns and flowers grow here in
rich profusion. Meadows lilies swinging
their fragrant corsos, golden rods grace-
fully bending in the breeze, and Canadian
tulips, which furnish the young ladies
pommes. The water is clear as crystal,
and cold as ice water. The air is light and
invigorating. It is my opinion, if persons
are far gone in lung disease, or dyspepsia,
there is nothing in the air or water to re-
store them to perfect soundness. The
spring of perpetual youth sought out by
Ponce De Leon has not yet been discovered
on these mountains. It is a great place
for whortleberries and rattlesnakes.
Both grow together.We spent some time at Mountain Lake
Park, where lectures abound, and advance
scientific, social and moral ex-
position. The people are intelligent and social
—among themselves. On Sabbath morn-
ing we heard the Rev. Miller, of Brooklyn,
preach. His sermon had been prepared
with logical skill, and was delivered with
a rhetorical finish rarely surpassed in this
region of the country.Monday night Professor Reynolds de-
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